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DIRECTOR SAYS CIA MOVES INTO OPEN ERA

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CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner said here today that the intelligence agency is moving into more open relationships with the American people.

He predicted it would take about two more years before the CIA works out a comfortable new role in the national intelligence community.

The changes were mandated by Congress and the Carter and Ford administrations after revelations of CIA abuses in the arena of covert operations, especially in Chile and Angola.

In order to launch secret operations in foreign countries now, Turner must get permission from the president and then inform members of Congress of the agency's plans.

The CIA's operations have shifted from secret agents to gathering and analysis of intelligence information from such sources as satellites intercepting radio transmissions.

Turner, who spoke to a joint meeting today of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, said there were both benefits and risks from the CIA's new posture.

The benefits, he said, include:

- More support from the American public, a support that was often lacking in recent years.

- Review and criticism of the agency's work, "which keeps us on our toes."

- A greater assurance that the CIA's actions do not run contrary to U.S. foreign policy. In the past the CIA has been accused of being more influential than



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the State Department in shaping and carrying out American foreign policy.

— Better management. "It's easier to manage a large organization when it's accountable. When there are too many secrets, there are no checks and balances," Turner said.

Turner, who became CIA director in March 1977, said he takes a "real pleasure" in being more open with the American people and Congress.

But, he said, there are obvious risks to an intelligence agency when it becomes more open.

Leaks increase and too many "cooks can try to stir the pot," he said.

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